India Airlines and Alliance Air on their networks over the years since 1994-95 are as under—

1994-95	69.7%
1995-96	74%
1996-97	70.17%

Proposal to operate an airline service linking Bhuj, Bhavnagar and Jamnagar with Mumbai and Delhi

3191. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jamnagar, Bhuj and Bhavnagar airports in Gujarat are capable of operational/handling airbuses;

(b) if so, the actual length of runways and landing facilities at the said airports;

(c) whether there is a proposal to operate airbus services linking Bhuj, Bhavnagar and Jamnagar with Mumbai and Delhi; and

(d) if so, by when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Bhuj and Bhavnagar airports are capable of handling Airbus-320 type of aircraft.

(b) Air port Length of Runway Facility

Jamnagar	8250 ft.x 150 ft.	VHF, NDB, DVOR, DME, VASI, SAPL.
Bhuj	8250 ft.x 150 ft.	VHF, NDB, AVASI, SAPL.
Bhavnagar	6300 ft.x 150 ft	VHF, NDB, VOR, DME, PAPI.

(c) and (d) Indian airlines is operating A-320 service linking Bhavnagar to Mumbari. Airlines Allied Services Limited a subsidiary of Indian Airlines, is operating B-737 services from Bhuj and Jamnagar to Mumbai.

LEGEND: VHF=Very High Frequency. NDB=Non Directional Beacon. DVOR=Doppler Very High Frequency Omni Range. DME=Distance Measuring Equipment. VASI=Visual Approach Slope Indicator. SAPL=Simple Approach Lighting System AVAST= Abridge Visual Approach Slope Indicator. PAPI=Precision Approach Path Indicator.

Proposal to acquire new aircraft for Air India

3192. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has a plan to acquire new aricraft:

(b) if so, whether Air India been sanctioned fund for acquiring new aircraft; and

(c) if not, in what way Air India propose to meet the cost of aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Funds for purchase of aircraft are arranged by Air India by internal resource generation and/or by raising loans from the market.

Construction of an international airport at Mandira

3193. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for construction of an international airport at Mandira near Alibagh (Maharashtra) to cope up with increasing volume of air traffic in the years to come;

(b) if so, the details of the redeeming

features of the proposal under consideration;

(c) details of the proposal made out by the State Government and reaction of the Central Government thereto; and

(d) deails regarding present status of the proposal and strategy worked out for mobilisation of the funds rendered for the project?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, the Government of Maharashtra had sent a pre-feasibility report for the construction of a new airport of international standards in the Mandwa-Rewas area, prepared by an international Consortium. After examination, it has been suggested to the Government of Maharashtra that feasibility studies be conducted for all suitable sites, before deciding on the location of the new airport.

Slums on Airport Authority Land in Mumbai

3194. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 80,000 slums are situated on Airport Authority Land in Mumbai; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that a five star hotel LEELA PENTA having all facilities is also located in the Airport land?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) About 65,000 slum hutments exist on the land belonging to the Airports Authority of India at Mumbai.

(b) Yes, Sir. The land on which the Hotel stands has been leased to it by the Airports Authority of India.

Serious hazards to civil aviation air corridors

3195. SHRI RAJUBHAI A PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether besides security hazards, the incident of Pakistani Remote Controlled Pilotless Vehicles also poses serious hazards to civil aviation air corridors in the country;

(b): whether it is a fact that a Lufthansa Boeing 747 Jumboo had a narrow escape from a mid-air collision when a Pak PRV was first sighted and shot down in Bhuj area; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction to eliminate this menace?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) AS of now there is no hazard to civil air traffic.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not airse.

Recommendations made by Kelkar Panel for financial restructuring of I.A.

3196. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government accepted the recommendations made by the Kelkar Panel for financial restructuring of the Indian Airlines, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 10th April, 1997 under the caption "Indian Airlines hoping to get Rs. 325 crore from Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating whether Finance Ministry has agreed to account for Rs. 325 crore under extra budgetary allocation to the Civil Aviation